

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph of page 15 with the following paragraph:

“metabolites useful in the treatment of hypertension, obesity, coronary heart disease, cancer and inflammation. Additional secondary metabolites of industrial importance include organic acids and chemicals such as citric, malic and ascorbic acids, and acetone, methanol, butanol, ethanol and detergents. Also included are mutations that enhance the production of amino acids such as monosodium glutamate, and also carbohydrates. Additional mutations include those that enhance a microbial strains ability to degrade and detoxify hydrocarbons and halogenated hydrocarbons. Further additional mutations include those that improve the activity of microbial strains used in assays to detect microbial contaminants in food, evaluation of natural or synthetic agents for the prevention of disease, deterioration or spoilage, determination of minute quantities of vitamins or amino acids in food samples, development of preservatives for control of food spoilage, and development of procedures for control of deterioration in cosmetics, steel, rubber, textiles, paint and petroleum products (Society for Industrial Microbiology).”